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AISSA

1. Aissa (Aisa) (Ai-sha) (Aisa-usoff), forty-five or forty-six years of age, is the head of a group of Uigurs that is working closely with the Central Government of China. He is a member of the Kuomintang, and at present has the title of "Director of the Uigur San Min Chu I Youth Corps of Sinkiang." He went to Nanking from Ti-hua (Urumohi) in 1932, and has since lived there most of the time. When CHANG Chih-chung went to Sinkiang on his mission of pacification (in September 1945), Aissa went along as an "inspector" from the Control Yuan. Aissa had considerable difficulty in persuading his fellow-Uigurs that he was their best leader, since he had spent so much of his time away from them. He is considered to have failed, at least temporarily, in his purpose of leading the Uigurs in a pro-Chinese attitude, becoming their Chinese-sponsored leader. According to one report, Aissa and Hazard Mohammed Imen (another Chinese-sponsored leader of the Uigurs) were at first welcomed by the Uigurs living in Ti-hua, but the attitude soon changed and went so far as to take the form of an angry demonstration against the two men.
2. Aissa gathered seven men, who presumably are already pro-Chinese, to accompany him on a tour of China. The object of this expedition seems to be to show the visitors the immensity and greatness of China compared to the smallness and backwardness of Sinkiang, to increase the personal prestige of Aissa with the Uigurs and with the Central Government, and to insure further propaganda support for Aissa and the Central Government. The party is also accompanied by Aissa's son and two Chinese Kuomintang members who are making the necessary arrangements for the group. The members of this party will undoubtedly be useful to Aissa and to the Central Government in propaganda work when they return to Ti-hua.
3. The group left Ti-hua about 15 August and proceeded via Lanchow to Kuling (the summer capital) where Aissa had several interviews with the Generalissimo. The party arrived in Peiping 28 September, and left for Tientsin on 7 October. They plan to go to Mukden, later returning to Peiping. From Peiping they will go to Shanghai, then to Nanking, and then return to Ti-hua via Lanchow.

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[REDACTED] note: Aissa represented Sinkiang in the National Assembly in December 1946.)

Members of Aissa's Party

1. MUTEL  
Mutel is a Uigur about twenty-four or twenty-five years of age. He is a member of the Kuomintang, and has the position of "Director of the Association for the Preservation of the Uigur Language" at Ti-hua. He is fluent in Chinese and Russian (besides Uigur).
2. PULAT  
Pulat is also a Uigur. He is twenty-two or twenty-three. He is the editor (or an editor) of the Sinkiang Journal published in Ti-hua.
3. ABDULA  
Abdula is about twenty-three or twenty-four, also a Uigur. He is a teacher of music in Ti-hua.
4. MOHAMMED IMIN  
Mohammed Imin, another Uigur, is a teacher of dramatic art in Ti-hua. He is about twenty-five years old.
5. ABDULA-AZIS  
Abdula-Azis is thirty-two years old, a Uigur who studied for eight years in a Mohammedan University in Cairo, and recently returned to China. He joined Aissa's group at Nanking and will go to Ti-hua with them when they return.
6. SIKUR-JAN  
Sikur-Jan is an Altai Mongol member of the Kuomintang. He is thirty years old and the chairman of the Mongolian Committee in Ti-hua.
7. MA TE-YU (馬德裕)  
Ma Te-yu is a twenty-five year old Tungan (an ethnic group of mixed blood having the Moslem religion) and a member of the Kuomintang.
8. BUTGALI  
Butgali is a Kirghiz, twenty-five or twenty-six years of age. He is a member of the Kirghiz Association of Ti-hua.
9. WANG LI-SHENG (王樂生)  
WANG is one of the Chinese assigned to Aissa's group by the Kuomintang.
10. CHANG LIN-CHEN (張民健)  
CHANG is also a member of the Kuomintang and was assigned to Aissa's party in Nanking. He is fluent in Uigur and will accompany the party when they return to Ti-hua.
11. MURAT  
Murat is the son of Aissa. He is about fourteen years old.

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